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SUBJECT: UAE PRESIDENT ZAYID'S VISIT TO MOROCCO

1. UAE PRESIDENT SHAYKH ZAYID PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOROCCO AUGUST 10-13. ZAYID RECEIVED HIGHLY VISIBLE, ALL-OUT RED-CARPET TREATMENT. GOM TRUCKED CROWDS TO VARIOUS CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS TO ASSURE POPULAR WELCOME. KING HOSTED LAVISH STATE DINNER AUG 10, AT WHICH HE CONSPICUOUSLY TOOK ZAYID ASIDE FOR UNUSUALLY LENGTHY TETE-A-TETE. ON SAME OCCASION, ZAYID AWARDED ONE OF HIGHEST MOROCCAN DECORATIONS, THE WISAM AL-MOHAMMADI, EXCEPTIONAL CLASS. ZAYID ACCOMPANIED KING TO INAUGURATION OF DAM NEAR RABAT AUG 11, WHERE TWO RULERS GREETED WARMLY BY SIZEABLE CROWDS. ZAYID SPENT AUG 12 TOURING ISLAMIC HISTORICAL SITES IN FES, AND LEFT COUNTRY MORNING AUG 13.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE, MARKED BY HIGHLY FRIENDLY TONE, WAS ISSUED AUG 13. ZAYID STATED "TOTAL" SUPPORT FOR MOROCCAN STRUGGLE TO RECUPERATE ITS TERRITORIES AND ACHIEVE ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, A POINT IN COMMUNIQUE WHICH TREATED IN FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES IN LIGHT GOM'S CURRENT SAHARA CAMPAIGN. CONCLUSION OF "IMPORTANT" CONVENTION
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ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION ALSO ANNOUNCED, BUT DETAILS NOT REVEALED.
PERMANENT MIXED COMMISSION, HEADED BY FON MINS OR THEIR

DELEGATES, WAS FORMED AND IS TO MEET TWICE ANNUALLY, ALTERNATING BETWEEN RABAT AND ABU DHABI, TO STUDY ALL QUESTIONS FLOWING FROM AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. COMMUNIQUE ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PLO AND LIBERATION OF JERUSALEM, AND CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI RAIDS AGAINST LEBANON. IN ADDITION, KING HASSAN ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT UAE, DATE TO BE SET LATER.

3. COMMENT: PUBLIC TREATMENT OF VISIT GIVES IMPRESSION RESULTS WERE QUITE POSITIVE FOR MOROCCO. RABAT SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH UAE'S SUPPORT ON MOROCCAN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. KEY INDICATOR OF WHETHER VISIT WAS SUCCESS FOR GOM-- THE EXTENT OF ECONOMIC AID AND COOPERATION OFFERED BY UAE-- REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER.
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